

# EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Cougar News, February 2025

Dear Students and Families,

As we step into the winter and second semester, it's a time for new beginnings—new schedules, new classes, new friends, and new challenges. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the school year. The start of second semester can bring back some of that old anxiety, but it's crucial to take a moment to reflect and appreciate the success of our first semester.

There are exciting events and activities lined up for this semester, such as students scheduling classes for next year, 5th-grade Sneak Peek, 8th-grade visit to the high school, M-step testing, PSAT testing for 8th grade, Talent Show, Mid-Winter Break, Honor Roll Breakfast, and more. Specific dates and details for these events will be available on the Eastland home page and through emails, so please stay tuned.

For the second semester, we will continue offering after-school tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The sign-up sheet was sent back in September through email for parents/guardians to sign their students up. Please take advantage of this valuable program to support your child's academic progress.

A quick reminder about school rules: phones, backpacks, blankets, coats need to be in lockers and not visible during class time. We have a policy regarding phone usage, and repeated violations will result in consequences. Please familiarize yourself with these rules to ensure a positive learning environment for everyone. When phones are taken from students, parents will have to come to school to pick up the phone, second, third-, and fourth-time students will also receive detention, 5th time will result in a suspension.

As the weather gets colder, it's crucial for safety reasons that students are picked up promptly at the end of the day. Students can't stay at school waiting for rides as it poses a safety concern. If your child does not ride the bus, please arrange for pickup by 3 p.m. We truly do not want students waiting out in cold, but we have no supervision for them.

This semester let's focus on regular attendance. While we understand that students may occasionally need to stay home due to illness or other reasons, consistent attendance is vital for their academic success. Research shows that students who are chronically absent in middle school tend to face challenges in high school and beyond. Let's work together to improve attendance and ensure students arrive on time to class. Speaking of attendance, Eastland Middle School had four students with perfect attendance and zero tardies. We also had 135 students with less than 6 absences for the first semester. When students have less than 6 absences in a semester the data suggest they will be successful in school. That means higher GPA, higher test scores, less discipline issues and practicing good habits that will lead to a successful high school career and beyond.

Thank you for your hard work, and let's keep it going strong!

Best Regards, Mr. Beato



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Message From our Principal

## February 2025 Calendar

2/3—Girls' Basketball v. Carleton-  
HOME- 3:45pm

2/4—Art Club 3:00-4:30pm

2/6—Girls' Basketball v.WWMS @  
WWMS 3:45pm

2/10-Girls' Basketball v.Grissom @  
Grissom 3:45pm

2/11-Spelling Bee 9am  
Lego Club 3:00-4:25pm  
NJHS Meeting 2:55-3:30pm  
Art Club 3:00-4:15pm

**2/12--COUNT DAY**

**Early Release-Dismissal at  
1:20pm**

Girls' Basketball v. Carter MS-  
HOME 3:45pm

2/13--Green Team meeting 3:00-4:30pm

**2/17-2/18—No School Mid-Winter  
Break**

**2/24-2/28 Spirit Week**

2/24-Girls' Basketball v. Beer-HOME  
3:45pm

**2/26-Early Release-Dismissal at  
1:20pm**

Girls' Basketball v.WWMS-HOME  
3:45pm

2/27—Video Game Club 3-4:30pm

Dance Club 2:50-4:30pm  
Green Team Meeting 3:00-4:30pm



*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*



**Save  
these  
Dates!**

**Early  
Release @**

**1:20 pm:**

2/12/25

2/26/25

3/12/25

4/2/25

4/23/25

5/14/25



# Newsorthy Notations

## Absences



Regular attendance is critical to your child's academic success; however, there are times a student may need to miss school due to illness. Please make sure you verify ALL absences by calling the Attendance Line at 586-445-5701. If your child is absent, they are still responsible for making up missed assignments, which can be requested directly from the teacher.

### Disruptive Device Policy (includes airpods, headphones, etc)

First offense – Student surrenders their phone to the office. The student can pick up their phone at the end of the day. Warning issued.

Second offense – Student surrenders their phone to the office. A parent/adult must pick up the phone from EMS. The student is issued a lunch detention.

Third offense – Student surrenders their phone to the office. A parent/adult must pick up the phone from EMS. The student is issued an after-school detention.

Fourth offense - Student surrenders their phone to the office. A parent/adult must pick up the phone from EMS. The student is issued an after-school detention.

Fifth offense - Student surrenders their phone to the office. A parent/adult must pick up the phone from EMS. The student is issued an out of school suspension.

Policy applies to Airpods, headphones, gaming consoles (such as Nintendo Switch) and the like.



## Second Semester Reminders

Please remind your students to attend class prepared and arrive to class on time.

Bring to class:

Pencil

Notebook/folder

Textbook (if required)

Any belongings the student may need for class

Arriving at class on time and prepared is great practice for future life skills. We appreciate your help and support! Thank you!



## NJHS Information



Reminder: NJHS members have a meeting on Tuesday February 11,

Eastland Middle School is a "closed campus". We do not accept third party lunch deliveries (such as Door Dash or Grub Hub) for student lunches. As always, Mom or Dad are welcome to drop off lunches at the Office.

# When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.



## SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a **runny nose** or just a **little cough**, but no other symptoms.
- I have **NOT had a fever overnight** and **have NOT taken fever reducing medicine** during that time.
- I have a **mild stomach ache**.
- I have **not thrown up** overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a **mild rash** and no other symptoms.
- I have **eye drainage WITHOUT fever**, eye pain or eyelid redness.



## KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4**
- I have **thrown up two or more times** in the past 24 hours.
- My **stool is watery** and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



## SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4 AND any of the following:** ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have **stomach pain and fever**, I have **bloody or black stool**, or I am **dehydrated** (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have **not urinated** in the last 8 hours.
- I have a **persistent cough** or **trouble breathing**, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have **eye swelling, eye pain** or an **eye injury**.
- I have a **rash that has blisters**, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

*If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.*



For more information visit [attendance works.org/resources](https://attendanceworks.org/resources)

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

# Winter Gala

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 8, 2025**

**6:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT**  
**DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**VINTAGE HOUSE**  
31816 UTICA RD, FRASER

**DINNER**  
**DJ/DANCING**  
**BASKET RAFFLE**  
**PRIZES**

BASKET TICKETS WILL ALSO  
BE SOLD VIRTUALLY

**\$55**  
**PER PERSON**

TABLES OF 8 RESERVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 6. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

**LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS, RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [ttomala@roseville.k12.mi.us](mailto:ttomala@roseville.k12.mi.us) or (586) 445-5675



*The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation began with a dream and a goal when it was established by the Roseville Kiwanis Club in 1963. The dream was to touch the lives of Roseville's young people; the goal was to raise funds to aid them in their continued educational quests.*

*In 1984, the Roseville Board of Education joined the the ongoing project. Today, citizen volunteers, educators, business representatives, and local leaders assist in the process of raising funds and allocating scholarships to deserving recipients. This year, we awarded 63 \$1200 scholarships to recipients.*

*In April 2022, the Foundation officially became a 501c3 organization. This allows additional opportunities to receive donations from individuals and companies wishing to donate to a charitable organization. If you own, work for, or know of a company looking for a charitable organization to donate to, we would greatly appreciate you sharing the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation name with them.*

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YOUTH AND TEEN

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
**RARE-MI.ORG**



## YOUTH DANCE

We offer a wide range of dance classes here at the Recreation Authority Center! Classes start at the end of February and run for 10 weeks with a dance recital at the end! Class registration includes dance costume as well for the recital! We offer ballet, hula, hip hop/jazz, and intro to dance.

**Mondays: February 25 - April 28**

**Tuesdays: February 25 - April 29**

**Wednesdays: February 26 - April 30**

**Saturdays: February 22 - May 10**

Visit our website to view class times and offerings

**Residents: \$89**      **Various age groups!**  
**Non-residents: \$95**   **Ages 2 1/2 - 12 offered**



## DIGITAL COMIC MAKING SERIES



Thursdays 6:00 - 7:30pm

February 6 - February 27

Resident: \$94 Non-Resident: \$99

This is a great time to learn digital comic making, as it's never been more accessible! Would your child like to explore digital art, but you do not want to invest in expensive equipment before you know if it's right for them? Now they can! The course will begin with an introduction to the application and build on skills from there, leaving students who complete the series with the basics to immediately begin publishing webcomics, as well as a foundation to continue to build upon.

**Register Online at [rare-mi.org](http://rare-mi.org) or in person at the Recreation Authority Center!**



# PANTHERS FAMILY TOUR

CLASS 2029

WELCOME  
TO ROSEVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL



JAN 30 OR  
FEB 27



17855 COMMON RD  
ROSEVILLE, MI

CAMPUS TOURS & FACILITY INTRODUCTIONS  
LEARN ABOUT CLUBS, ATHLETICS, & STUDENT LIFE  
GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER OR SCAN THE QR CODE

## BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:00



Enter through Door #9  
off the South Lot

 **February  
at the**

Roseville  
Public Library



**Crafty  
Kids Club**  
@  
**MACOMB MALL**

**Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm**

*Ages 12 and under*

*No registration required*

This exciting monthly program offers children the chance to unleash their imagination through various arts and crafts activities.

Teen/Tween Take & Make  
**GALAXY  
ORIGAMI**

**Pickup:**

**Monday, February 10 - All Day**

*Ages 10 to 18, Register Now!*

Reach for the stars then fold them into fun shapes with galaxy origami. Learn how to fold paper to create various shapes such as mini stars, butterflies, and fortune tellers.



More programs and full  
information at  
[www.rosevillelibrary.org](http://www.rosevillelibrary.org)

**TEEN  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE** 

**Wednesday, February 12 at 5:30**

*Ages 14 to 18, Register now!*

High school students: Need service hours? You can make cat and dog blankets and toys for Macomb County Animal Shelter and get credit for volunteering for that organization.

**PAPOTAGE & CIE:  
TALK-TIME IN FRENCH**

**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

**February 5 & 19**

*Ages 11 to adult*

*No registration required*

Papotage & Cie is a program for French conversation practice with a French native speaker and librarian. The program is open to any teenager or adult who speaks some French and wants an informal and safe place to practice with others.